

WORONI

CRAWFORD WARNS ON LAW BREACHES

Students should exercise their full rights as citizens to speak their minds, while recognizing that this does not entitle them to break the law, the Vice-Chancellor, Sir John Crawford told a packed meeting of first year students at Childers Street Hall last Monday.

He was addressing more than five hundred students at the Official Orientation Week Welcome to freshers.

Conditions in the hall were almost unbearable and the heat was felt even more intensely when the fans were turned off so that the speakers could be heard.

Sir John stressed the importance of extra-curricula activities but noted that a correct balance between these activities and study was most important.

Doing good should not be the sole criterion for participation in societies and organizations with humanitarian aims. "Volunteer service," he told the students, "provides a unique opportunity to increase your own education through an active concern with your fellowmen."

FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

However this concern would inevitably bring the students into the field of politics. "Be critical," he advised, "but I am not for the person who makes his criticism in such a dogmatic and sneering way that persons against who it is made appear like morons just because they stick to their own view."

"I am unequivocally for complete freedom of speech and people are impressed by thoughtful argument and comment. But I do not support stupid breaches of the law. You have no right as citizens or students to assume that living on campus gives you some right to break the public law."

The Vice-Chancellor also referred to the recent death of Lord Florey, and spoke of the late Chancellor's criterion for evaluating the quality of a university. "Great universities," he said, "tend to be judged by their research and the quality of their teaching, but this is reflected in the performance of the students."

"This is a great university destined to be greater still, but only if the student body shows the spirit required."

COUNSELLING SERVICES.

Everyone, he believed, would have problems during the year, and it was up to the students to avail themselves of the advice of the numerous people on campus who were willing and able to help them.

"We will not wet-nurse you," he said, "but we have friendly and private counselling services which should be used before your problems grow out of all proportion."

Sir John referred to the university doctor, staff members, deans, counsellor and student representatives as people who should be consulted when the need arose.

"The final responsibility for this," he concluded, "is on you, and though we will not necessarily see eye to eye on all issues, my hope is that mutual respect between us will prevail."

SRC President Alan Brooks also talked of the importance of participation in the life of the university. "We must get away from the machine aspect of modern universities and approach the mediaeval ideal of a community of scholars."

The ANU, he said, occupied a unique position in the community because of the size of Canberra and the large press coverage students received, in comparison to Sydney or Melbourne. However this also meant that students would have to be more responsible in their actions. "Be sensible and mature," he advised, "think out your arguments and justify them."

UNION CELLAR TO OPEN SOON.

Union President Charles Lamb talked of the plans for expanding the activities and functions of the Union Building.

Alan Fitzgerald, Canberra Times columnist and True Whig member of the Advisory Council, criticized the Australian press at an Orientation Week meeting last Friday, but saw signs of improvement in many areas as the press itself changed.

Though there was not complete monopoly ownership of newspapers, the control by Sir Frank Packer of Consolidated Press came close to this. The Daily Telegraph and Channel 9 were run completely at the dictate of the Packer family, he said, and there was simply no criticism of the television station in the newspaper.

Last year, Mr. Fitzgerald said, the BULLETIN was a day late in Canberra at the time of the Ryan hanging, because a Tanner cartoon of Bolte as a mediaeval hangman had offended Packer's sensibility, and he ordered the BULLETIN completely reprinted without the cartoon.



Radio picture.

The long awaited Cellar he said, would probably open in second term and would be in operation late at night and during weekends.

Mr. Lamb also expressed hopes that the liquor licence would be made available soon, and would demonstrate that the university is a place where adults live. Its purpose was not to encourage students to over-indulge in easily-accessible liquor.

Sports Union President, Charles Alexander asked that the fans be turned on and announced that he, toughened by years of active sport, would compete against the fans.

He advised students not to get into pro or anti-sport cliques as was often the case at school. Sport, he said, could be social or serious, and served to stimulate the brain. He spoke of the possible formation of societies for tiddly winks and women's wrestling.

press & the whig

The AUSTRALIAN was one of the best things that had happened to Australian newspapers for a long time. It prevented the continued implementation of the 'no poaching agreement' which proprietors had agreed on to keep journalists' wages low.

Sydney afternoon papers barely qualified as "newspapers" at all, and there was no good Sunday paper. A paper like the OBSERVER or SUNDAY TIMES was still a long way off since proprietors felt that their advertising revenue could not be substantially increased by spreading it out over seven instead of six days.

INDEPENDENT NEWS SOURCES'

"Not enough effort has been made to set up Australian news bureaux in South East Asia", Mr. Fitzgerald said. "Most news is bought from such sources as U.P.I. and Reuters. There should be more

direct reporting by Australians of interesting events from an Australian viewpoint.

The A.B.C., he said, had done the most to put the Australian aspect to the fore, and had proved to be a good, impartial and independent news source. In Canberra last year, Gough Whitlam had in fact broached the idea of a national newspaper, and though there were great difficulties here, it was not completely impossible.

He described journalism as a demanding and not very rewarding career. The illusions of being in the inner councils were counteracted by periods in which most people in the job at some stage felt that they hated it. On the other hand the type of person attracted to journalism could probably be unhappy in any other profession.

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From all indications, this year promised to be an excellent one for freshers. Indications were that they were all keen and mature and had a more balanced outlook on life etc. This has proved substantially correct. Orientation Week functions have been extraordinarily well attended, surpassing the wildest dreams of the organisers and talks etc. gave rise to considerable questions of a reasonably high standard. Most clubs have found that there is great interest in their activities, and some that looked like disappearing are now back on their feet.

Older they might be, and many are bearded but the maturity has not necessarily been evident. Admittedly, people are expected to partake of grog etc. during this week, but the amount consumed and the effects were far greater than necessary. The extra year to get used to their alcohol did not particularly help most of the freshers. The Revue opened to an obscene audience display of noise and vulgarity following the champagne supper and this behaviour was continued in other functions.

Still, if the level of interest and activity continues through the year it could well be the best year on campus for a long time.

The present dispute at Wollongong University College over their fight with the NSW Government and UNSW came to a ridiculous head last week with the refusal of UNSW dictatorial Vice Chancellor, Philip Baxter, to allow the President of the WUC SRC to re-enrol. The question of autonomy has long been a hotly contested issue at Wollongong, but has met with spirited resistance from the authorities. Autonomy is essential to allow a university to develop a character of its own. Wollongong has too long been tied to UNSW for its own good and now feels the dire need for autonomy.

It seems incredible that Philip Baxter should be prepared to go to such lengths to stop the legitimate expression of feeling of the students of WUC. Fortunately, the ban was lifted a day or so later, but not before the public had time to realise the stupidity of his action.



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WORONI would like to thank all those people who helped in collating the last issue, and also to remind all new members of staff that assignments are posted on the Woroni notice board and that the next issue will be laid out on Saturday March 16th.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

May I, through your column express my gratitude to all the people, both personal helpers, clubs and societies and attending freshers who made Orientation Week a success. (I think).

Yours etc.
Craddock Morton.

WHY BOTHER WITH THE S.R.C.

Many well intentioned (or brash) freshers believe that the affairs of the ANU SRC will be of interest to them. Some will even consider standing for the august body, but they are usually dissuaded by hesitant companions who believe that the SRC is where the "heavier" demonstrate their influence and power in uni. life.

This is not so. Looking at the membership and activities of recent SRC's it can be seen that it is normally peopled by innocuous nonentities (or clowns) who have nominated for the SRC in the hope of perks (free trips, dinners and entrees to 'arty uni. turns' - where the free grog forever flows. They have generally been appointed unopposed at SRC elections because most students do not know about these perks (for which a considerable amount of their compulsory fees is used).

The SRC does not even influence or lead the student population. It may provoke controversies (usually by accident, e.g. the apolitical motion of 1967), but is content to pass such flatulent motions as "Miss ... be thanked for providing chips at the ... SRC Meeting" or "the SRC grants 25 cents towards the cost of a bottle of methylated spirits to be presented to Mr... (an SRC member) in honour of his 21st. birthday" etc.

One may suspect that this could lead to a situation where students' funds are abused or misused (at least), but, this is, sadly not the case. Apart from a few isolated grants to nebulous clubs for unspecified 'social functions' and the occasional directive from a Students' Association General Meeting (30 present) to grant money to a worthy outside group the SRC's job as a money giver is not stretched to its possible limits. A point to note is that although the SRC is near insolvency this year it is over due to such bureaucratic necessities as secretaries' salaries (who, by default, run the SRC) and a \$4000 electric typewriter.

Gone are the days when the ANU SRC was a body of radical men and women dedicated to promoting subversive left wing policies and running riotous grog rooms euphemistically known as Common Room Parties. (Yes those days did exist in the early 1960's when most of the full-time student population were members of the Labour Club anyway.

The important question is - will they return? Can the ANU SRC ever become a hot-bed of student radicalism pornopolitics - a bane to Knopfmachen and Andrew Jones, or perhaps even dishonest.

This is up to the enterprising student. Experience at other universities has shown that if enough strong (or sneaky) minded personalities nominate for SRC positions they can (disguising their true colours if necessary) quickly achieve positions of power in the ruling structure. They can provoke controversy, lead students and generally stimulate student life on campus. Form your own Students for Democratic Society (they did in Qld) or make an attempt to have \$16000 pocket money to play with (you can if you become SRC Treasurer).

It is not difficult, it merely requires initiative.



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PERKINS IN BLACK MOOD

Extremism and moderation, activism and compromise, pragmatism and idealism, were attacked and defended at a lively symposium on student politics before an audience of over three hundred students during Orientation Week.

The seating plan, by coincidence, reflected closely the relative political complexion of each of the speakers.

'RAMBLING DISSERTATION'

SRC Vice President Chris Blaxland on the extreme right, spoke of the difference between the theoretical power to represent students and the very limited ability to influence the powers 'That Be.'

He criticized the SRC for being like 'a small advisory council that gives advice and nothing ever happens.' The demarcation points of what was possible are very blurred, and this situation was worse in student bodies that were still wider in scope such as the National Union and the International Student Conference.

'SOCIOLOGICAL CLICHES'

George Westbrook, a former student politician and now tutor in International Relations, sat in the extreme centre but moved to the left when he spoke.

'A recent example,' he said, 'is the complete and utter impotence of those opposed to conscription to effect any changes at all.'

In a survey of student action round the world, he discussed the role of students and intellectuals as the 'carriers of revolutionary consciousness.' He explained this in terms of the inter-action between idealism and alienation, referring to Mario Savio's analysis of the Berkeley mentality. In the same way as Marxist doctrine holds the worker to be alienated from his product, the students were alienated from society by the necessity to compromise their ideas and principles.

'FUZZY IDEALISM'

John Iremonger, veteran in student politics and well-known activist on the ANU campus, sat on the left of the other two speakers.

He accused Blaxland of delivering a 'rambling dissertation' and Westbrook for using 'every sociological cliché you're likely to hear for the next three years.' Capitulation, where there was a danger of one's image being 'tarnished by radicalism' was not the solution, he said.

Students had a role, if it was only to keep issues alive, to exaggerate them and thereby bring them into focus, avoiding the dangerous consensus which often seems to prevail in Australia.

Mr. Iremonger took the Tait hanging case as an example where students created public opinion that was not present before, and converted legal issues into potent public discussion. Before the massive demonstration on this occasion capital punishment had simply not been questioned on moral grounds by the public at large.

As a contrast with settled bourgeois life and values, the university also provided a unique opportunity to give free rein to students' natural instincts and to kick up their heels.'

In reply, Blaxland accused Iremonger of expounding a philosophy of 'ineffectual dilettantism and fuzzy idealism,' and advocated limited and practical action.

Craddock Morton chaired the meeting from the extreme left of the rostrum.

Three leaders in the forefront of the movement for aboriginal advancement, last Thursday strongly attacked federal and state governments for their discriminatory legislation and lack of progressive action in the field of aboriginal affairs. They were Mr. Gordon Bryant, M.P., Labour spokesman on education and aboriginal affairs, and Senior Vice-President of the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSA), Mr. Charles Perkins, Manager of the Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs, and Mrs. Faith Bandler, General Secretary of FCAATSI, who addressed over two hundred people in the Union Refectory

The conditions of aborigines were a disgrace, Mr. Bryant said, particularly for one of the wealthiest countries in the world. 'Australia has done less than almost any other country for its indigenous people,' he said.

The reserves and missions on which they are left are like prison camps. These places regard aborigines as their own private problem and place wide and undemocratic restrictions on them'

On the new Aboriginal Affairs Office Mr. Bryant stated that its demands should be met if they were based on sound policy and principle. 'Of the narrow field the government had from which to choose people to do anything for humanity, Billy Wentworth is one of the best. We only disagree on about 90 per cent of politics, but we may come closer now.'

TOLERANCE FINISHED

Mr. Perkins said he was sick and tired of talking to white people when nothing was ever done. 'My tolerance is finished,' he declared, 'I'm not talking any more. Every one likes to talk about aboriginal affairs, but when it comes to hard cash, from the pocket where it hurts most, nothing happens.'

Speaking of the demoralization of life in poverty, in shades shanties and reserves, without education, he contrasted the conditions of aborigines with the development, pride and dignity of the American and Canadian Indians.

'Australian missions,' he said, 'capture the soul and destroy the body. The government should take over the entire administration of missions, give the aborigines a decent education, and allow them to make their own choice of faith'. He accused the missions of exploitation and of living in the past, sitting on their laurels for the last century and praising themselves for saving the aborigines from extinction.

Paying conscience money to Abschol was completely inadequate if students wanted to do something positive, Mr. Perkins said. They should go to demonstrations, petition Parliament and put pressure on their local members to achieve real action.

ABORIGINES INTIMIDATED

Mrs. Faith Bandler examined the promises that had been made, especially since the referendum in May, by governments on both the state and federal levels, and contrasted these with what has in fact been done.

In particular she revealed the findings of a close examination of the minutes of the Select Joint Parliamentary Committee on aboriginal affairs in NSW, and showed that the proceedings were just a farce. In Armidale for example, aborigines were intimidated to give the answers that government interviewers wanted to hear.

In a strong criticism of the Country Party member for the Kempsey area, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Bandler spoke of the move to house a large number of aborigines in Kempsey and the reaction of Mr. Brown in leading white citizens to petition against the move.

'At present,' she said, 'the Northern Territory Legislative Council is considering a bill which could deprive the aborigines of every acre of land they own now. It is encouraging that Dr. Coombs has stated his opinion that the bill should never have come before the House. It is also noteworthy that Mr. Barnes, the Territories Minister, vigorously supports it.'

Nigel Statham, the Abschol Director, emphasized the importance of understanding aboriginal culture and views of life, to educate students into understanding the sort of action that was required. He urged students to attend the series of lectures, discussions and symposiums Abschol would be holding during the year if they wanted to find out for themselves the state of affairs in Australia today with regard to housing, health, prejudice, education and the other problems which the three speakers had referred to.

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are catholics thinking



'A world of our own that no-one else can share' this is a view many intellectuals have had of the Catholic Church, and a view many Catholics have been happy to share. An isolated medieval fortress of ignorance and restraint or the last brave bastion of Christian thought and living -- both images present the Church as essentially inward looking and apart from the ordinary concerns of most people.

Pope John tried to change all that. His attempt at renewal meant more than allowing Catholics to say prayers (preferably 'Catholic prayers') with nice Protestants. Vatican II has tried to make renewal mean more than publishing pictures of nuns coaching football or eating ice cream at Luna Park. It has tried to bring a new spirit of freedom into the Church, a new awareness of the demands of a technological and largely secularised century, a new spirit of humility and tolerance.

With all the Vatican II optimism, one of Australia's leading Catholic intellectuals, Vincent Buckley, is still prepared to say, 'we are faced over the next decade with the possibility, indeed the likelihood of a mass exodus from the Church; an exodus first of all intellectuals and quasi intellectuals'. (Paper given at Pax Romana, Lyons, 1966).

Buckley says "all intellectuals". I wish to present certain facts about the Australian situation which bear on Buckley's prediction. Buckley, following Brian Wicker, and English Catholic, divides 'progressive' Catholics into 4 groups:

(1) The new liberals, strong critics of the institutional structure of the church, and advocates of a fuller individual freedom in sex, politics, relations with church authority. Many of the "Catholic Worker" group would fall into this category. Indeed, if one must have categories, most of Australia's 'progressive' Catholics would belong to this class, both laity and clergy.

(2) The Christian Socialists, particularly the "Slant" group in England. As yet this movement has had little influence in Australia, though some individuals, particularly at Queensland University, have considerable sympathy with this attempt to present Christian thought and living in socialistic terms.

(3) The Christian secularists, proclaiming a 'religionless Christianity', have not had a great influence particularly among Catholics. Bonhoeffer and Bishop Robinson are conversation pieces rather than influences.

(4) The fourth group finds its inspiration in Teilhard de Chardin. It attempts to express Christianity in terms of 'cosmic awareness', a conviction that Christ is of universal significance and must find a way into the world view of the twentieth century scientist. Again, Teilhard has his Australian advocates; his genuine followers are rare, his influence rather a fashion than a view of life.

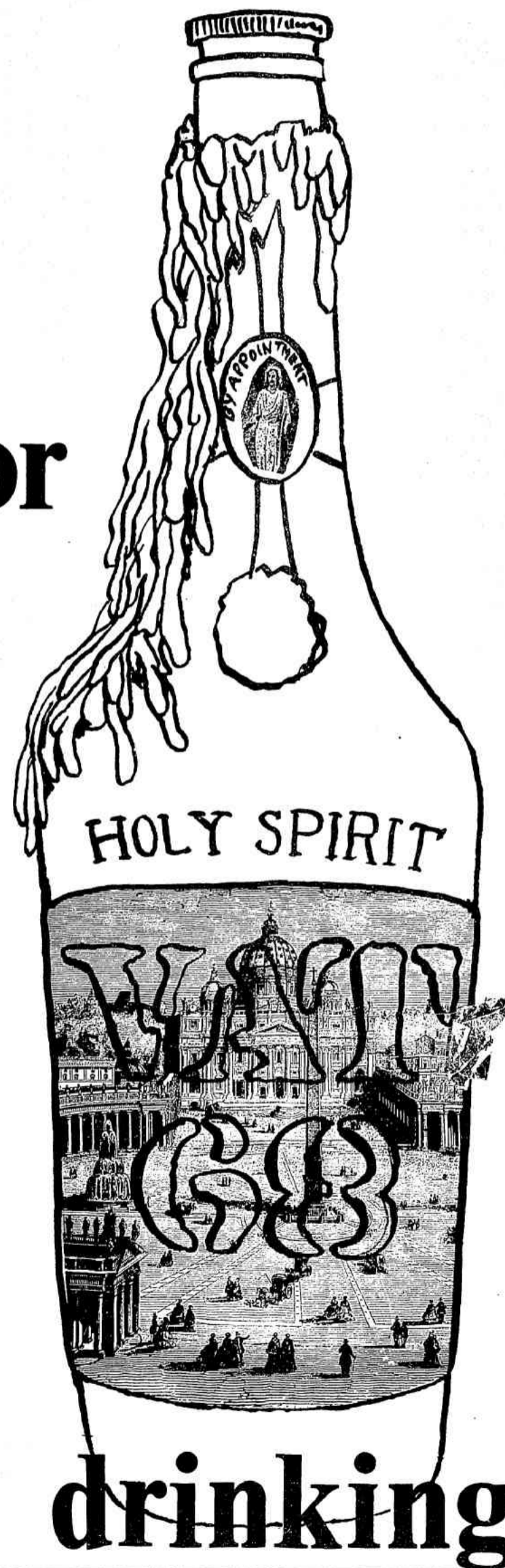
Buckley himself feels that all these groups lack a solid foundation. Their concerns are admirable but ultimately they are not based on a deep enough awareness of what it means to find and meet God in ordinary living. The groups' concerns are too immediate to have any final direction. And they will be ruined either by success (certain immediate achievements, e.g. in the social political sphere, will make their existence unnecessary) or by failure and disillusionment.

At least two things are clear. Australian Catholicism is still in its Irish infancy. The people Buckley talks about are the talk of Europe and America; they are mostly vague (and often nasty) rumours for Australian Catholics. Secondly, a form of clericalism still dominates. In many ways, Australia has been better served than many other countries by the zeal and dedication of her priests. But it has involved a paternalism that puts the priest in a seemingly impregnable position. Catholic intellectual life has not been greatly stimulated by the clergy. Most intellectuals have had to go it alone. And this lack of support and sympathy will be important in the time of crisis that Buckley talks about.

The new free speech slogan has caused many to find that the banner can be a shroud for those who carry it. Many feel they are free to speak out only as long as they speak out the right things. There are subtler ways of silencing a priest or layman than the Holy Office or excommunication. Clergy seldom speak out - though an anonymous letter to "the Bulletin" is not considered dangerous. They are well aware that there are many distant country parishes that are Heaven sent tamers of angry young clerics.

Changes in forms of worship are greatly praised. But many found the recent liturgical conference depressing. It achieved many things, but its use of outdated hymns from an outdated hymn book was to many typical of an official refusal to experiment. To many, liturgical

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seem more concerned with cuddling their own pet theories than with giving the people what they need. And more people would like to be asked what they feel is needed - and asked in a way that indicates that an answer might be listened to and not filed away in the "Dangerous" pigeon hole.



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Even so many Catholics expect to be given detailed directives and they like to follow party lines, even in matters only remotely religious. These find the idea of an honest Communist a contradiction in terms. They see only the facts they want to see - a priest on the national committee of the N.L.F. (and still in good standing with his bishop), the absence of persecution in North Vietnam, the support for Diem and Ky coming mainly from Northern Catholics (who feared a persecution that has not yet come) and not from Southern Catholics - these are not party line facts and can be ignored. While some are losing their faith in the role of the Church, others, perhaps, have the wrong sort of faith. For it will be always a question of some sort of faith - in Christ and the mission he gave the Church. The question is, what was that mission? Some say it is certainly not the salvation from thinking that they consider many prefer.

Certainly, the theological movements of Europe are only faintly heard in Australia, though a journal like "Compass" is starting to bring more than an echo. It does seem a fact that many discontented Catholics have too little theology, and work too much on a feeling that theological grasp comes with their baby teeth and not with a lot of solid study. The discussions of

many Catholic intellectuals show little awareness of Christ in Christianity, and little scriptural awareness, which is rather like studying Beethoven through the Beatles.

Recently a Catholic intellectual asked in what sense can we still call ourselves Catholics and Christians, in what sense do we still believe in God. These fundamental questions are just starting to hit the Australian Catholic intellectual.

Any answer involves a lot more work on the part of both laity and clergy. Other crises - in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, in Catholic education - may help to bring to a head the crisis Buckley predicts. They may also mean a new life for Catholic intellectuals, who so far have seen most of the gloom but little of the light that post-council Europe is experiencing. Perhaps, too, on the university campus, the Newman societies and the Catholic colleges will be more than safe social clubs for safe Catholics. Universities have very few safe Catholics left. Which may be a good thing for helping them find Christ, and not a vague and eclectic humanitarianism which often masquerades as Christianity.

"Authority" has become an eight letter swear word. There are two questions here. A few Catholic intellectuals are prepared to question the whole concept of the Church's moral authority. Most, however, are prepared to accept the authority and express discontent with the use made of it. They see many of the clergy as trying to exercise an authority over matters they have no competence in - e.g. finance. And some ask nasty questions about just where does money collected for the missions go to. "Nobody knows" indicates for them that it's probably just as well they don't. Many find sermons either carping about money or purring with a piety that they find alien. For many, too, the contraception issue involves not only a bungling of authority but also a failure to understand the real problems of people. A deep fear that too much depends on the after siesta pronouncement of Italian monsignori disturbs many. And they are afraid to express themselves in print for fear of the censor.



Aboriginal Madonna and Child



A CHURCH INTERIOR.

Canberra is to be the first centre outside Sydney to see a performance by the new professional Repertory Company of the Independent Theatre. For two nights only, Friday, March 15, and Saturday, March 16, the highly successful comedy STAIRCASE will be performed at the Canberra Theatre. Arrangements for the visit have just been completed by the A.C.T. Division of the Arts Council of Australia and the play will be coming straight from its Sydney season where it has been presented as the second in a trilogy of plays under the heading 'Three Views of Love and Marriage'.

STAIRCASE is by new playwright Charles Dyer who will be remembered for his play 'Rattle of a Simple Man', performed at the Phillip Theatre. STAIRCASE was given its world premiere by the Royal Shakespeare Company in London in 1966 with Paul Scofield and Patrick Magee. Its success was sensational. The Aldwych Theatre was booked out and long queues waited in Drury Lane. In Australia its success has been no less striking, with Alexander Hay and Brian James taking the parts of Charles Dyer (the character not the author) and Harry C. Leeds (an anagram for the author). The production is by Doris Fitton, founder and director of the Independent Theatre.

STAIRCASE has been described by its author as a serious view of marriage. In point of fact it is an hilarious comedy concerning two ageing South London hairdressers. Each partner is crippled in some way, and in the course of some externally provoked crisis, the partners take turns to strip every shred of pretension and protective fantasy from each other. The play creates two believable characters and depicts a relationship which seems to make erotic as well as psychological sense. Meanwhile, the jokes, especially the bitchy Charles' sallies at Harry's expense, keep an audience laughing.

But the novelty and value of the play lie in the fact that it thinks about homosexuals not as freaks but as people. It is a search for identity by two people who are trapped in this commonplace but commonly unmentionable situation and who are denied the right to be human beings.

Charlie, a former small-time actor and his friend, Harry, run their broken down barber's shop in Brixton and rub along on their illusions as best they can. Charlie, the apparently stronger of the two, lives on memories of his theatrical past, hopes of a comeback and the outward sign of respectability that he was once married. Harry is fat, flabby and defeated. His tragedy is that his blond curls fell out one night, a blow to his vanity and their hair restorer trade and he wears his head bandaged because he feels 'safer'.

Their moment of truth is brought about by a summons Charlie receives for parading in female attire. Between them they sort out what is truth and illusion and with which they prefer to live.

As Charlie, fearfully awaiting both the arrival of a daughter he hasn't seen and the police summons, Alexander Hay provides an in-depth portrait. Brian James plays an old-womanish Harry with a sympathy that makes the character not only creditable, but arouses genuine pity for him.

And the significance of the title? - the bedrooms are upstairs.

COMMENTS FROM REVIEWS:

S.M.H. Brian James - one of the brilliant performances of the year, perhaps the best of all.

SUN Two splendid performances - indeed, one of them brilliant - make Staircase as disturbingly sad as it is enormously funny. Taken at surface level here are a couple of Cockney comedians in a vaudeville double act, throwing lines at each other that keep the laughs coming in profusion.

AUST. Sydney's Independent Theatre has achieved a major coup. As theatre it is something of a landmark. The play is bursting with Cockney music-hall wit. Hay - a witty interpretation, James - remarkable performance.

MIRROR crackles with witty, earthy lines which hit the target unerringly the laughs come fast and often.

THE STAIRCASE



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Athletics offers more to the university student than most sports do. It runs continuously throughout the year, i.e. track and field in summer and cross-country in winter, and this means there are two Inter-Varsity contests each year. It is a sport which anyone can enjoy (irrespective of ability), it is a healthy sport (you ask Dr. Furness) and it is a good supplement to other sports.

The ANU Athletics Club has an impressive record. Former captain Roger Brown set ACT Resident Records in 1966 which still stand for 800 metres. (1:52.2) and 1500 metres (3:58.3). Dr. Peter McCullagh holds all ACT walking records and has a very good chance of selection for the Mexico Olympics. Forestry student Peter Busby holds all NSW Country titles from 3000 metres steeple to Marathon. And to cap it all we have just won both men's and women's senior divisions in the ACT inter-clubs competition.

What does Athletics offer this year?
 (1) Inter-Varsity competitions: track and field in Brisbane (May vac.) and cross-country here at the ANU in August!
 (2) Local track and field and cross-country competition. (3) Regular mid-week track competition during the year.

The club needs new members. Anyone at all interested is urged to contact any of the following: John Gilbert (44741), Christine Richardson (Menzies Library), Dr. Peter McCullagh (Bruce Hall), Tony Weir (Garran Hall), Peter Busby (Forestry) or Peter Scott (Chemistry Building). We will hold our Annual General Meeting soon at which we will elect a new committee. Watch the notice boards.

Mountaineering

Climbing and exploring are natural to man. Almost from the time children can walk they are trying to climb - up chairs, up stairs, up trees; and explore - under tables, over fences, up hills. Is the joy that the exploring child finds so different from the satisfaction of achievement, of discovery and of good companions that the mountaineer experiences? Although many people prefer to specialize in one particular aspect of mountaineering, for example, bush walking, snow and ice climbing, or rock climbing, it follows that more satisfaction and enjoyment is obtained from this sport if one has had some experience with the other branches. It was partly for this reason that the ANU Bush-walking Club and Climbing Club amalgamated to form the ANU Mountaineering Club. The emphasis is placed on trips which combine at least two of the above aspects (often along with swimming and barbecues).

This year, for the first time, the club plans to run an introductory rock climbing course with all equipment supplied. A preliminary lecture on basic techniques and the use of equipment will be held at 8 p.m., Tuesday 5th. March in the Physics Lecture Theatre. Rock climbing is booming in Australia at present and ACT is one of the few central areas left where it is possible to do first ascents of climbs of low or medium difficulty. This situation may not last for much longer as club members put up 30 new routes last year. Peter Aitchison who edited a comprehensive guide to all the rock climbs in and around the ACT.

Baseball

The ANU Baseball Club takes this opportunity to welcome new members to ANU. Baseball being a growing sport in Canberra we are keen to find new players. The local competition is scheduled to commence at the end of March. Training will be held on the South Oval on Saturday mornings starting in two weeks.

ANU only having a small team didn't fair too well at Melbourne IV last year but made the most of the frog and birds (both laid on). IV will be held in Adelaide during August this year and promises to be the best ever. All players are eligible. Don't forget our annual social

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march with the University of NSW to be played in early April in Sydney.

For further information on club activities contact Terry Sharp on 4.0013.

Football

The ANU has had an active National Football Club since 1962 when we first entered a team in the local competition. As the size of the University increases, so does the strength of our Club and we hope that this year will be no exception.

Our coach this season is Frank Dunin. Frank played with Richmond Ists. from 1953 to 1959 when a knee injury forced him to retire. From 1961 to 1967 he coached the Melbourne University Blacks in the VAFA and for the last two years he was coach of the Victorian Amateurs team. So you can see that we have a most experienced man at the helm.

Despite the hot weather training has been underway for three weeks. We train at the University South Oval on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4.45p.m. to 6.15p.m. Footballers good, bad or indifferent will be most welcome to join the Club. Not only do we require players but we also need supporters who are interested in carrying out the tasks associated with fielding teams e.g. time-keeping, cutting oranges, etc. Also we require a trainer or first aid man.

So if you can fill any of these positions - player, trainer, helper or supporter - you will be most welcome as a Club member. How does one join the Club? - simply by turning up at the Oval on training nights and indicating your intentions to either the Coach or the Secretary (vic Price). If unable to do this, ring the Secretary 949.6155 ext. 32 during office hours.

This year promises to be a bright one for the Club. We field two teams each Saturday - one in each of the Division I and Division II competitions - so we need plenty of players and you can be assured of a game. Last season we finished 4th in Division I and 5th in Division II. With greater depth of players this year we should improve on both these positions.

There is also an Intersarsity trip to Brisbane, in May vacation, where we will be competing in Division I for the first time (against Melbourne, Monash, Adelaide and Tasmania). This follows our great victory over Western Australia in the grand final of Division II last year.

The season kicks off on Saturday, 20th. April so if you haven't appeared on the training track, don't delay.

Should you require any further information have a yarn to any of the following chaps who you will find on the campus - Jim Lally, John Buxton, Mick Rogers, Peter Collings, Steve Shann, Don Cowie, Tony Walker, John Hicks, Dick Miller, Ross Garnaut, or enquire at the Sports Union Office on the ground floor of the Union Building.

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Table Tennis

The ANU Table Tennis Club has been in existence for only a few years, but has already achieved considerable successes in Inter-Varsity and ACT competition.

The Club has sent a men's and a women's team to Inter-Varsity for the past three years and in 1967 the men's team was placed third out of ten teams. This year Inter-Varsity is in Perth during the middle week of the May holidays and it is hoped to send teams again.

The Club usually fields several teams in the ACT competition. ANU won the Men's A Grade competition in 1966 and has won several of the lower grades. The ACT Table Tennis Association's winter competition will start in April and should have a sufficient number of grades

to cater for all standards. Matches are held on Monday or Tuesday nights, and a team consists of at least three players.

The University championships will be held in second term and both men's women's and freshers' events will be available.

Students wishing to practice regularly can play in the ACT Association's handicap tournaments held at the Tradesmen's Club, Badham Street, Dickson, every Thursday night at 7.30p.m. Three tables are available for social games in the Union, and some of the Halls have tables.

The Annual General Meeting of the ANU Table Tennis Club will be held at 7.30p.m. on Thursday, 21st. March, in the Meetings Room of the University Union. Any enquiries can be directed to Richard Mills, 70411, ext. 245.

Squash

The function of the ANU Squash Club in general terms is to promote the game of squash within the University. The Club endeavours to carry out its function by providing a means whereby students can participate in the game on an organised basis.

The Club's major activity is organising, selecting and nominating teams of squash players to take part in competitions conducted in Canberra by the ACT Squash Rackets Association. In past years the Club has nominated both women's and men's teams in almost every grade of competition squash played in Canberra. This means that squash players, both women and men, from beginners to experienced competition can play in an ANU team. However, it is important that a player who is nominated for a team should be prepared to play regularly for the duration of the competition. There are three separate competitions for teams in Canberra each year. The first - the Summer Competition (which is now in progress) runs for about eight weeks from the middle of February. The second - the Winter Competition - is the major competition played in Canberra and runs for about sixteen weeks from the middle of April. The third - the Spring Competition - begins early in September and runs for about eight weeks. Provision can of course be made for a reserve to take the place of a team member who is unavailable for a particular match but the Club is obligated to field a team throughout the Competition so that it can be appreciated that it is preferable to nominate a team of players who are prepared to play reasonably regularly. The times at which these matches are played are published well in advance and once a team has been accepted in a particular division a player can ascertain the time and place of his match for the whole of the competition. In almost every case a team is required to play once a week on the same evening of the week throughout the competition. In past years the Club has held practice sessions on Sunday afternoons prior to selecting teams for the Winter Competition. It is expected that these sessions will be held again this year and should start in the next week or two. Students interested in playing competition squash should therefore watch the notice boards for notification of the practice sessions and attend the courts indicated.

The Club at present is not organising any purely social squash. Such organisation has been made difficult because the University does not possess squash courts of its own. When courts are provided on the campus social squash should flourish. However, recently some interest has been shown in social squash and it is confidently expected that social squash afternoons will be organised in the near future. Here again prospective players should watch the notice boards.

Intersarsity is of course one of the high spots in the activities of the club. Every year the Club sends a women's and a men's team as well as a few reserves to compete at the Intersarsity Championships. This is always an enjoyable trip and well worth some extra practice.

Squash

Among the other activities of the Club which should be briefly mentioned are the annual ANU Individual Championships. Competitions are organised for men and women with a plate event for entrants who are defeated in the first round.

The Club sometimes has the opportunity to play against and entertain various squash teams which visit Canberra. For example a proposal has been received for the visit of teams representing New Zealand and South Africa universities in the middle of this year.

Finally, the AGM of the Club will be held early in first term and all interested persons are invited to attend. The exact date will be advertised on the notice boards.

For further information concerning squash students may contact Peter Landon, telephone 63.2292 (day) or Bob Alexander, telephone 61.2953 (day).

Squash Basketball

The ANU Men's Basketball Club has been in solid training for some weeks in preparation for the coming season and expects a much more successful year than 1967. The club has entered teams in both the A and B grade competitions. A grade is played on Sunday night and B grade on Wednesday night.

1967 was rather a mixed bag for University; competing in Intersarsity the team went rather well finishing fourth out of the ten competing Universities and gaining one representative in the Combined Universities side; ANU was considered as unlucky not to gain more representation. Needless to say we equipped ourselves amicably in the many social functions. In the local competition Uni. fared rather badly but were always likely to cause an upset.

We are hoping 1968 will be ANU's year in both the local competition and I.V. which is in Hobart during the May Vacation. Besides the I.V. trip the club is hoping to compete in country carnivals throughout the year.

The Club is presently training of a Friday evening from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Methodist Hall, (near the Wellington Hotel) National Circuit, Barton, and all those interested are asked to attend. Forsters and freshers are particularly welcome. Those who cannot attend should telephone Rod Henn on 61.3476.



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Thus it is these activities, as well as a greater awareness of the UN's political role and problems that the ANU UNASSOC will attempt to promote. To all those interested - please come to the General Meeting.

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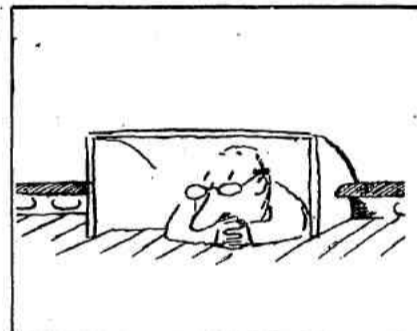
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